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SUBJECT:APPOINTMENT OF NEW AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO THE
UNITED STATES

1. DE FACTO FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH (HIS TITLE
IN ENGLISH NOW READS "MINISTER-IN-CHARGE OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS") ASKED ME TO SEE HIM THE EVENING OF MARCH 29 TO
INFORM ME THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL BE SEEKING AGREEMENT
FOR ABDUL WAHEED KARIM AS THE NEW AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO
THE UNITED STATES. ABDULLAH SAID THAT KARIM HAS THE
FULL CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT DAOUD AND THAT HIS SELECTION
WAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED ALSO BY DAOUD'S BROTHER NAIM AND
ABDULLAH HIMSELF. HE SAID THAT KARIM IS HIS FORMER
SCHOOLMATE AND CLOSE FRIEND AND THAT HE HAS THE KIND OF
PERSONALITY WHICH WILL MAKE HIM EFFECTIVE IN DEALING
NOT ONLY WITH THE EXECUTIVE BUT ALSO WITH THE CONGRESS
IN WASHINGTON.

2. KARIM HAS BEEN AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT AND CON-
CURRENTLY SIX OTHER COUNTRIES SINCE 1973. HIS DIPLOMATIC
CAREER BEGAN IN 1948, AND HE HAS SERVED IN LONDON,
PARIS AND BAGHDAD. FROM 1970 TO 1973 HE WAS DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF THE AFGHAN FOREIGN
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MINISTRY. HE IS A COUSIN OF THE AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO
PAKISTAN, FORMER PRIME MINISTER ETEMADI. HE IS MARRIED
AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND
FRENCH. IN SHORT, HS IS ONE OF AFGHANISTAN'S MOST
EXPERIENCED DIPLOMATS.

3. ABDULLAH TOLD ME THAT AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR IS

BEING TRANSFERRED FROM WASHINGTON TO BECOME THE NEW
AFGHAN AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN. AMBASSADOR GHAZI,
CURRENTLY IN TEHRAN, HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN A NEW ASSIGN-
MENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHEN THE AGREEMENT
FOR KARIM HAS BEEN GIVEN.

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